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In re Application of:

Examiner: Sellman, Cachet I.

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Title: THERMAL TREATMENT OF A DRUG ELUTING IMPLANTABLE
MEDICAL DEVICE

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COMMUNICATION

Dear Examiner Sellman:

Applicants are filing an RCE to have the enclosed information disclosure statement considered.

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention two co-pending applications: (1) application serial number 10/725,698 which has publication number 2005/0118344 to Pacetti and (2) application serial number 10/957,022 which has publication number 2005/0119720 to Gale et al. These two applications are currently under examination with examiner Nguyen (art unit 1791).

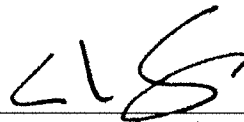
In the office action for application serial number 10/725,698, the Examiner rejected the claims under Hijlkema et al. (U.S. Publication No, 2002/0143382). Accordingly, Hijlkema et al. is being cited in this IDS. In the office action for application serial number 10/957,022, the Examiner rejected the claims under Werneth (U.S. Patent No. 6,056,906). Accordingly, Werneth is also being cited in this IDS. Since Hijlkema and Werneth were used in the rejections, Examiner is kindly requested to pay particular attention to these references.

The Examiner is kindly requested to coordinate the prosecution of the application at bar with Pacetti and Gale et al.

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Respectfully submitted,

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